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FOR CU/AF SUSAN MURPHY

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LJUBJECT: FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR FACULTY OF LETTERS AFTER OUR PHONE CONVERSATION YESTERDAY FOLLOWING EMERGED. UNIVERSITY'S OVERRIDING CONCERN IS NOT TO HAVE FULBRIGHT POST FALL VACANT FOR LACK CANDIDATE. THEIR INTEREST IN WHITE MORE A FUNCTION OF THIS CONCERN THAN A CONVICTION SHE HAS QUALIFICATIONS TO REPLACE GALLANT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STIL SOUAE FEELING ON DIRECTOR'S PART THAT QUOTE IF SHE IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR GABON, SHE IS GOOD NEOUGH FOR US UNQOOTZV IN ANY CASE, DIRECTOR WELCOMED INDICATION THAT SEARCH IS CONTINIUNG FOR CANDIDATE STRONG IN AMERICAN STUDIES WHO ABLE TO FUNCTION ALSO AS CIRRICULUM ADVISOR. DIRECTOR SAID UNIVERSITY HAS NO IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT TO WHITE AND IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM EMBASSY FOR FRESH CANDIATE TO REPLACE GALLANT.

2. IF SUITABLE FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR FOUND, UNIVERSITY MAY STILL WISH HIRE WHITE ON ITS OWN SINCE THERE ARE SEVERAL VACANCIES IN ENLISH DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATED FOR NEXT YEAR. IF NO NEW CANDIATE FORTHCOMING, HOWEVER, I UNCLASSIFIED

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SUSPECT UNIVERSITY WILL BE INTERESTED IN HAVING WHITE DESIGNATED TO FULBRIGHT POSITION IF ONLY TO MAINTAIN PROGRAM, TO WHICH THEY ATTACH VERY HIGH VALUE, IN FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

3.COMMENT: IT IS GFATIFYING TO NOTE UNIVERSITY'S STONG INTEREST IN FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. FOR OUR PART, HOPE WE CAN

FIND WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATE TO GUARANTEE PRESENT MOMENTUM IN AREA OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AND STUDIES WHICH IS OF PRIME PROGRAM INTEREST TO MISSION. END COMMENT. DAVISON

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